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to tie this to
Allen + Scott allegation
to show that the allegation
is substantiated
is n't by Committee invest.

II. A. Introduction (Cont'd)

what does this
say
E.C.H.?

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This is good, but why is it in the intro section?

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II. A. Introduction (Cont'd)

respectively. The results of the Committee's investigation concerning Snyder and Freers follows in subsections B and D, respectively. The Committee also investigated the possibility of a relationship between Snyder's colleague, John A. McVickar, and the CIA; the results of this investigation follow in subsection C.

B. Richard E. Snyder

In testimony on June 1, 1978, Snyder stated:

I sense that a central concern in your questioning is whether I was anything other than what I purport to be and have purported to be, that is a Foreign Service Officer, and whether I had any other contacts, duties, favors or anything else not consistent with what is generally accepted as the duties and role of a Foreign Service Officer.

As best I can, I simply state to you categorically that I was a Foreign Service Officer, that I had no unusual contacts, approaches, or anything which could be regarded as outside liaisons, either consistent or inconsistent with my role as Foreign Service Officer, that at no time did any agency, and specifically the Central Intelligence Agency, attempt to use me, to trade upon my previous brief association with them, or in any other way attempt to enlist me

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II. B. Richard E. Snyder (Cont'd)

in any sort of activity, formal or informal, which would be inconsistent with my position as Foreign Service Officer, that, in fact, at no time were any such approaches made to me by any agency, including the CIA.

(Deposition of Richard E. Snyder, 6-1-78, pp. 53, 54, JFK Document No. 9264.)

*Can you
cite to
source of
these
statements?*

added
 ← Snyder ~~also testified~~ that statements to the effect that he was a "veteran intelligence officer" and that he "served in Tokyo under State Department cover" are completely wrong.

(Deposition of Richard E. Snyder, 6-1-78, pp. 39, 40, JFK Document No. 9264.)

Snyder stated that he had been CIA

With respect to his CIA employment, Snyder testified to the following:

← He took the Foreign Service Examination in the fall of 1948. He passed the examination and was placed on the Foreign Service waiting list of successful candidates. The waiting period was about two years. The Department

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II. B. Richard E. Snyder (Cont'd)

of State ~~had~~ circulated the waiting list to various government agencies which might provide interim employment to those on the list. ~~Snyder was contacted by the CIA.~~ The CIA contacted him; he applied for employment, and ~~he~~ was accepted. He was employed by the CIA for approximately eleven months, from November 1949 to September 1950. For a considerable part of this period, he was assigned to training functions. In September, 1950, he was informed that the Foreign Service was prepared to accept him, so he completely terminated his CIA employment and accepted an appointment in the Foreign Service.

(Deposition of Richard E. Snyder, 6-1-78,
pp. 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, JFK Document No. 9264.)

Snyder's personnel file at the Department of State as well as his personnel file at the Department of Defense are consistent with his statements regarding his positions with the U.S. government, with two exceptions.

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II. B. Richard E. Snyder (Cont'd)

(HSCA Outside Contact Report, Department of
State, 5-8-78, JFK Document No. 8552;
HSCA Outside Contact Report, Department of
Defense, 5-31-78, JFK Document #

First, ... before the Committee,
~~During~~ his testimony on ~~June 1, 1978,~~

Snyder denied that he ever served in Germany
as a CIA employee.

(Deposition of Richard E. Snyder, 6-1-78,
p.7, JFK Document No.

(CIA Insert 2)

Good question.
does insert explain the significance
of Snyder's incorrect recollection?

Same for insert 3

The insert does say that
he served in Germany, but so
what? - materiality of
contradiction? Do we know
the insertion to be
correct?

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II. B. Richard E. Snyder (Cont'd)

Snyder also testified ~~on June 1, 1978~~
that he has had no contact with the CIA since
1950, except for a letter*[?] which he wrote to the
CIA shortly after he retired -- around 1970
or 1971 -- to inquire about contract employment
possibilities.

(Deposition of Richard E. Snyder, 6-1-78, p.13,
JFK Document No. .)

(CIA insert 3)

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II. B. Richard E. Snyder (Cont'd)

As previously stated, Snyder testified on June 1, 1978 that after he took and passed the Foreign Service Exam in 1948 the State Department circulated the waiting list of successful candidates to various government agencies which might offer those candidates interim employment. Snyder testified that the CIA contacted him and that he later accepted employment with the Agency.

(CIA Insert 4)

← Why not
include insertion
earlier w/o
any need at
all for above
parag.?

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II. B. Richard E. Snyder (Cont'd)

*what is significant
of Snyder - McVickar connection vis a vis FS list*

Snyder testified that he did not know that both he and John A. McVickar were on the same Foreign Service waiting list because he never saw the list. He stated that he first became aware of McVickar when they met at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow where McVickar served under Snyder in the consular section.

(Deposition of Richard E. Snyder, 6-1-78, p.4, JFK Document No. 9264.)

In testimony on May 5, 1978, McVickar stated that it is possible that he and Snyder took the Foreign Service Examination at the same time since they were about the same age and both were admitted into the Foreign Service around the same time. McVickar also recollected that when he first began to work with Snyder someone told him that Snyder had been employed by the CIA but had transferred to the State Department, but that he is not sure of this recollection. He added that he had no direct knowledge of whether Snyder had any connection with the CIA or any other intelligence agency.

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II. B. Richard E. Snyder (Cont'd)

(Deposition of John A. McVickar, May 5, 1978,
 pp. 32, 33, JFK Document No. 8487.)

Footnote:

Priscilla Johnson McMillan testified that she has never known whether Snyder was connected in any employment or agency capacity with the CIA and that she has not had any reason to think that he might have been ^{employed by} ~~with~~ the CIA.

(Executive Session Testimony of Priscilla Johnson McMillan, 4-20-78, p.22.)

Footnote:

When interviewed on April 18, 1978, Verna Deane Brown, who worked for a time as Snyder's secretary at the American Embassy in Moscow, stated that she did not suspect that Richard Snyder was a CIA employee.

(Interview of Verna Deane Brown, April 18, 1978, p.2, JFK Document No. 9915.)

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II. B. Richard E. Snyder (Cont'd)

Dennis Flynn was a State Department employee from 1947 to 1967. From 1953 to 1956, he was Director of Security at the State Department. In the course of his assignments, Flynn became aware of the procedures for State Department cover for CIA employees.

relocate

here, just use for Snyder

When interviewed on June 16, 1978, Flynn stated that at no time from 1959 to 1963 did

Simply clarify that Flynn did not say that CIA did not want any at all upon S.O. cover. who's

that he is sure that Richard E. Snyder and Jack F. Matlock were not CIA employees, and that he is fairly certain that John A. McVickar, Joseph Norbury, and Dr. Alexis H. Davison were not CIA employees. *(D: & he state what the)*

(HSCA staff interview of Dennis Flynn, June 16, 1978, pp. 1, 2, JFK Document No. 9534.)

[So what's the conclusion - did he or didn't he? What does evidence tend to show? Marshall the facts & give a conclusion. see over]

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II. C. John A. McVickar

HSCA *before the Committee*
In testimony ~~on May 5, 1978~~, McVickar stated

that he has never worked for the CIA. When
asked whether he had ever applied for
employment with the CIA, he replied:

~~(he applied for employment with CIA)~~

In 1948 when I took the Foreign Service
Examination and passed it, but they were not
hiring new Foreign Service Officers because
of financial constraints, I received a letter
from Washington on paper without a letterhead
saying that an Agency might be interested
in employing me in foreign affairs related
work and that I should reply to a certain
post office box and an interview could be
arranged if I was interested. I decided
at that time that I was not interested and
I never answered the letter.

HSCA

(Deposition of John A. McVickar, May 5, 1978,
pp. 3, 4, JFK Document No. 8487.)

*Did you
cover this
point re
Snyder?*

← McVickar also denied ever having worked for
any Department of Defense intelligence services.

(Deposition of John A. McVickar, May 5, 1978, p.4,
JFK Document No. 8487.)

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II. C. John A. McVickar (Cont'd)

McVickar's personnel file at the Department of State is consistent with his statements that he never worked for the CIA or for any Defense Department intelligence agency.

(HSCA Outside Contact Report, Department of State, 5-8-78, JFK Document No. 8552.)

[(CIA files) → add paragraph]

~~(DOS) #8552 review~~

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II. C. John A. McVickar (Cont'd)

Footnote

Priscilla Johnson McMillan testified that she does not know whether John A. McVickar was connected in any employment or agency capacity with the CIA, and that she had no reason to believe that there might have been such a connection.

(HSCA Executive Session Testimony of Priscilla Johnson McMillan, 4-20-78, p.12.)

Footnote

Verna Deane Brown, who worked as a secretary in the American Consulate Office in Moscow and stated that she did not suspect that John A. McVickar was a CIA employee.

(HSCA staff interview of Verna Deane Brown, April 18, 1978, p.2, JFK Document No. 9915.)

- 1 Conclusion 1) Evidence reviewed indicates that Snyder was not CIA employee while stationed at U.S. Embassy in Moscow -
- 2) Neither consular officials ^{of the U.S.} w/whom LHO had direct contact while in USSR ^{than} was employed by CIA.

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III. CONTACTS WITH AMERICAN REPORTERS, 1959

A. Introduction

After his appearance at the American Embassy in Moscow on October 31, 1959, Oswald was approached by several American reporters seeking interviews. These included Robert J. Korengold of United Press International, A.I. Goldberg of the Associated Press, Aline Mosby of United Press International, and Priscilla Johnson (now Priscilla Johnson McMillan) of the North American Newspaper Alliance. ^{FN} (Cik?) It has been alleged... what one or more had tied to U.S. intelligence ...

Really, this can be included as part of the statement of the issue at the beginning

B. Robert J. Korengold of this section on ~~Harvey~~ LHO's contacts w/ Americans.

In an affidavit dated September 8, 1964,

Korengold stated:

Where's #1?

~~At~~ In the fall of 1959, while I was working in Moscow as a correspondent for the United Press, I received a report* that an individual who wished to defect from the United States to the USSR was at the Hotel Metropole. After several unsuccessful attempts, I finally was able to talk to Lee Harvey Oswald for approximately ten to fifteen minutes at the door to his room at the Hotel Metropole. Mr. Oswald stated that he knew what he was doing and insisted he did not wish to talk to anyone.

Any basis for stating w/ him?

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III. B. Robert J. Korengold (Cont'd)

~~After~~ After unsuccessfully attempting to elicit further information, I returned to my office where I discussed the matter with Miss Aline Mosby, another correspondent for the United Press. I subsequently telephoned Mr. Oswald who finally agreed to give an interview to Miss Mosby. She later had a long conversation with Mr. Oswald. When she returned to our office, we discussed Oswald's case. We both were convinced that Mr. Oswald was an individual who had a chip on his shoulder and that when he had an idea or conviction, nothing could induce him to change his convictions.

(Affidavit of Robert J. Korengold, 9-8-64, C.E. 3098, 26H708.)

→ Add para. on CIA files on Korengold.

Footnote

* Snyder testified that he may have tipped Korengold about Oswald. (Was Korengold asked from whom he received report on HHO)

Footnote

McVickar testified that he had no reason to suspect that Korengold was an employee or agent of the CIA.

(Deposition of John A. McVickar, 5-5-78, p.22, JFK Document No. 8487.)

what is the resolution - f Korengold - should this be f.n'd? if issue is whether K was w/CIA etc? - ~~that is~~

Indicate why no interview by HSCA

Bob - if all this goes into fn, you don't have much text.

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